

ALEXANDRIA:

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1858.

"Fending and proving," by means of certificates from witnesses, is commenced relaof course, we suppose, that the public are vastly concerned at this affair, and want to ascertain all the interesting particulars. It is very IMPORTANT to know the position of the parties, the size of the cane, the vim of blow, the hardnesss of the brick, how far one advanced and how the other "retreated." and a variety of et ceteras! The truth is, the presumption is entirely gratuitous, as the public care nothing more about the matter than they do about a fight between any two men who are not members of Congress.

The "South Carolinian" very justly remarks that the recent attempts to "invade" or "colonize" Central America, are in no the power to scatter seed over the country sense Southern measures -- in truth, they are just the reverse. When did ever the South claim that the invasion of neighboring States to issue useful publications; but it is an abwas one of its rights and liberties? The South, whose entire history is identified with resistance to aggression, is now invoked to and at the expense of the government."revolution because a few land speculators The States says, "the fact that such an extraand reckless adventurers about Mobile and ordinary measure is ventured upon, and that New Orleans are not permitted to fillibuster ad libitum. It is a plain issue of law and the State-rights party.' order against mobocracy; for what else is fillibusterism than mobocracy?

House of Representatives has addressed a ments were saved, but the school-room furnote to the Secretary of War, inquiring niture was destroyed, and also a valuable expressed, in reply, the very decided opinion story structure, and was erected about ten that such a measure, so far from adding to the existing necessity for an increase of the army, would rather have the opposite effect. We do not know the particular arguments by which the Secretary has enforced this opinion in his reply to the committee, for his letter bas not yet transpired.

There is more speculation than usual at so early a day, as to the next Presidency. Kento wit: Messrs. Guthrie, Breckinridge, and the country will pass another year of peace. tucky has three candidates-all prominentcrittenden. Dir. Breckinnings will, it is said, defer to Mr. Gutbrie, and will not be in his way at the Charleston convention.—

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New York Herald, who professes to have gallon; a four-gallon demijohn of "Butler just paid a visit to Paraguay, says that the wine," \$20 per gallon-estimated, with ingovernment are strengthening all their forts; it \$85 per gallon. A lot of golden sherry, that at the fort of Itaperru they have twelve imported in 1826, brought \$6 a gallon; two hundred men under arms, and three times half-gallon jugs of Madeira, imported in that number at other stations and forts on 1807, brought \$22. A lot of old whiskey the river. He also expressed the opinionnot well justified, we conceive-that Bra- reaching \$6,500. zil will aid Paraguay in case the United States engage in practical hostilities against the latter.

The Petersburg Democratic Convention endorsed, by resolution, the present Administration; and a few days after, the Message of the President appeared, giving the views of the administration, the most prominent of which were promptly opposed by the Rich- declaration from him that he will not be a political parties distinctive characteristics most direct proof that there is an open sea in mond Enquirer, and numerous Democrats in candidate for the Presidency in 1860, has Virginia and throughout the South.

The Washington States applauds the action of the Senate Printing Committee in its There was a furious outbreak at a circus, determination to reduce the amount of public at Rio, on the 1st ult., inconsequence of the printing by omitting many unnecessary de- disappointment caused by the contemptible printing by omitting many unnecessary us.

tails from public documents, or on which character of the performances, in comparison of the performances, in comparison to character of the performances, in comparison to character of the performances, in comparison to comparison the performances, in comparison to comparison the performances, in comparison to comparison the performances and in every section of advance these pursuits, whether by domestic documents are bottomed. The Union goes with what had been promised, especially in

his constituents affirms, that he has "apon no part of the police to resters order. Many occasion, in speeches, letters, or private conversation, ever expresed any opinion or sentiment in opposition to the strictest reading with great difficulty. of the States-rights doctrines taught by Madison and Jefferson-the fathers of that faith."

It is said that Mr. Zollicoffer, of Tenn., will decline being a candidate for Congress again; in which event, it is probable Mr. John Bell may be elected to succeed him-and may be President, is an agreement that the Tummany of all parts of the Confederacy to act together the next Speaker of the House of Represen- organization shall hereafter prevail and be

been exceedingly unfortunate in our diplomacy with regard to Central America-that we have not had what the French call, a grand success!"

Among the new entertainments produced ty M. Jullien, in London, is a polka, called the 'Kiss,' with an orchestral accompaniment which produces the effect of the smacking of lipel

The dismissed custom house officers in New York, have had a meeting to rehearse their grievances and take measures ior exposing what they allege to be the corruptions of the custom house under Collector Schell.

Daniel Webster's birth day (1st January) will be celebrated in Boston. Caleb Cush- guilty. ing is to preside. Many of the most distinguished men of the country have been invi-

ted to attend. Mr. Botts, though warmly invited by many to be a candidate for Governor, has, it is said, deslined the use of his name in that

connexion. Burns celebration in Washington.

The Washington Correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says :- "The obstruction to "Toshow the very age and body of the TIMES." the report of the House committee on Territories of the Oregon State bill, has been removed. Gov. Smith has, it is said, withdrawn his objections. When the bill comes before the House it will meet with opposition, and the republicans will, it is said, at- as to admit of no profit if insurance is effecttempt to attach to it a Kansas enabling act. The prospect is that the till will pass in the form in which it comes from the Senate .-There is a growing feeling in and out of Congress against the admission of any more rotten borough States, crowding the Senate, and neutralizing the influence of the great States of Georgia and Virginia, and of Pennsyvania and New York. The choice of a President in 1860 may be determined by the vote of the single representative from

injustice to the great central States." The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Campany have published their third annual tive to the fight between "Hon. William II. report, exhibiting a prosperous progress so English and Hon. William Montgomery" in far, with a hopeful prospect in the immedi-Washington on Friday last-a fight in which ate future. The object of this company, in one struck the other with a cane, and the other connexion with the Delaware and Chesa-"threw a brick"-&c., &c. It is presumed, peake and the Delaware and Raritan Canals, is to furnish an inland navigation for sailing and steam vessels between New York city and Newbern, in North Carolina, a distance of about six hundred miles, free from the impediments of sandbars and shallow inlets, and the dengers of Cape Hatteras, so justly the terror of all navigators, on the coast of North Carolina. Little remains to be done but the completion of a lock at the junction of the canal with the Elizabeth river, which will be effected by the first of March next.

> The proposed convocation of Agriculturalists in Washington, called by the Secretary of the Interior, is warmly opposed by the Washington States, which paper regards it as a stretch of power, and declares that "perhaps through the instrumentality of the mail, may be thought a logical deduction from the right surd exaggerration to pretend that this narriculturalists on the summons of a secretary, too without attracting critical observation, implies a melancholy decay in the spirit of

On Friday night last, the Quincy School House, situated on Tyler street, Boston, was The Committee on Military Affairs of the destroyed by fire. The philosophical instruwhether the proposed military occupation of piano in one of the uper rooms. The fire is Sonora and Chihuahua would necessitate an supposed to have caught from a defective increase of the army. The Secretary has flue. The school house was a large four years ago. Four years ago it was entirely remodeled, and the probable cost of the building was between twenty and thirty thousand dollars.

> The New York correspondent of the National Intelligencer says, that the news from Central America, which for a little while created a "sensation," has had but little effeet, and everybody seems now satisfied that No danger appears to be apprehended from tional defences, especially the navy.

> There was a wine auction in Philadelphia tage of 1839, \$9 per gallon; vintage of '34. \$17 50 per gallon; vintage of 1800, \$10 per

The New York City Councils have, by a unanimous vote, tendered the honors of the city to Senstor Douglas, who will arrive there this week. This ovation will be followed by another evation from the city of Philadelphia. The Senator is expected to arrive in Washington about the 1st of Januany foundation. There is nothing in his next election. position that seems to call for such a declaration.

in for the whole-"fifty-four forty or fight." reference to a bull figh it The place was literally torn to pieces, and the company atterly Mr. Speaker Orr, of S. C., in a letter to routed, notwithstanding great efforts on the persons were seriously burt by etones and other missiles thrown, and one part of the place caught fire, which was extinguished

fice holders have closed their business in to geographical limits. Washington, in a satisfactory manner! The Tammany organization was strongly represented, as was also the opposition. The reenit of the appeals of both factions to the cated which will enable the conservative men respected in the distribution of federal pa- at a future day a more formal and numerous fact, presuming from the interest he had evinced tronage. Heretofore, as is alleged, the vast Senator Clingman thinks that "we have patronage of the collector have been bestowed upon the opponents of Tammany!!

> The Norfolk Day Book says that James Crawley left Baltimore and walked to Washington, thence to Alexandria, thence to Fredericksburg, thence to Richmond, thence to Petersburg, thence to Smithfield, thence to Portsmouth, and from Portsmouth to Norfolk. He tock ledgings in the watch-house and started south for Charleston, S. C. The strangest part of the matter is that he is

The trial of Messre. Allibone and Newders of the Bank of Pennsylvania, was conthe past eighteen months in Dusseldorff, purthe past eighteen months cluded on Saturday. The case was submitted on Saturday. The case w leaving the box, rendered a verdict of "not

Among the recent deaths in California, we note the following: In San Francisco, Nov. 9, Henry Chevallie, aged 32, youngest son of the late Peter Chevallie of Richmond: at Bodega, Nov. 8, H. C. Cope, jr., aged 35, formerly of Philadelphia.

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Saturday, by the City of Washington, was and will extend his visit to England. only \$173,000, and by the Bremen \$65,000, mostly to Havre. The demand is chiefly for France, as the present rate of sterling is such speculation. warded without insurance will pay about a

The Augusta Ga. Sentinel, learns from reliable authority that about two hundred and seventy of the wild Africans, a portion of the river, having been brought there two days ited. Kansas or Oregon, which would be a gross near Savannah, and will soon be offered for ingly clamorous in consequence of a depresago, on board a steamboat, from some point of the cargo.

Of the many frauds, constantly practised dom. upon the revenue of the Post office Depart-been held in Exeter and Derby, at which adment, there is none, perhaps deserving of more pointed condemnation than the custom, of ate years so prevalent of using borrowed franks to cover private correspondence-- England. Stringent measures will be taken in all cases where such offences can, by any possibility be traced to the guilty parties.

The Academy of Natural Sciences of New ment which is now on foot to ascertain the comparative physical strength, size, &3., of pardon of the Emperor would effectually remen in the United States and Europe. A certain set of scientific tests have been provi- transported at any time the officers of justice ded, by which the strength and general con- might see fit. dition can be ascertained.

the floor gave way and about 200 persons fell through into a store below, a woman rushed from the place to a neighboring store, exclaiming: "I am seared to death!" when she fainted, and remaining in an unconscious state, expired at 2 o'clock on Thursday morn-

An advertisement has been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury for proposals for row authority warrants a convocation of ag- the remaining ten millions of the last 5 per cent loan, with fifteen years to run. They are to be presented at the Department on or before the 24th of January, and the payment to be made by the 15th of March.

Morgan L. Brown, a policeman of Troy, New York, has been arrested for counterfeiting. A number of photographic plates and dies for altering notes of various denominations, and a pre-s, were found in his house. The business has been extensively carried on for two or three years past.

The Arabia brings advices of the less of the ship St. Petersburg, which was abandoned at sea while on her voyage from Glasgow to Bombay. The officers and crew were rescued and brought to Liverpool. The St. Petersburg was quite an old ship, was owned in

Over thirteen hundred barrels of apples necticut, within the last few weeks, and, in disbeartened, but his pride would not allow the same time over seventy thousand gallons of cider have been sent off.

Several leaders of the Democracy concede if there be any union of the elements which and among the passengers who came ashere, compose it, upon a fair and conservative he caught a glimpse of a richly-dressed lady,

The Volks Gartens and some other adjoining buildings were on fire.

Political Consultation. found their way into one or two distant papers great wealth. She had not heard of her husrespecting an informal political meeting which was lately held in this city, by a number of gentlemen from different parts of the country, it appears to us preper, from the character of those concerned, that the true her arms around his neek, and saying: nature of the conference and its objects should be correctly given to the public. We therefore present the annexed statement from an authentic source:

A number of gentlemen from all sections of the Times. brought \$12 a gallon-the aggregate sale of the country, and heretofore co-operating with different political organizations, held few days ago an informal meeting in this city to compare opinions and interchange information in regard to the present condition of public affairs. Being men of national and conservative sentiments, and ardently devoted to the preservation of the Union, they have Hayes' extedition. I consider it as highly inlooked with much concern at the evil tenden- portant, not only in a scientific point of view cy to sectionalism in the next Presidential but particularly so for the interests of the whale contest. It cannot be disguised that circum- fishery. The organization of these hoge inhabiary. It is not believed that the rumor of a stances have impressed on both the leading tants of the ocean, seems to me to furnish the which threaten a geographical division at the the Arctics. The whales being warm blooded,

The extreme views of these parties have naturally excited apprehensions in the minds of sober and considerate men as to the political fortunes of the country; and, believing that these mischievous doctrines do opinions of leading gentlemen from many the mode of life of the whales, and the discovery other States-met together as individuals, opinions might stand together and co-operate acquainted with the structure of the wholes, but in averting the evils which must result from to a physiologist it must be irresistible." The New York politicians and federal of a contest of parties organized with reference

We are gratified to learn that the spirit displayed in the meeting was of the most satisfactory character, and that no doubt was entertained that a basis of union can be indimeeting may be assembled, to give full and We are pleased to learn also that the meet-

idential nomination. Should their recommendations be approv-

ed by the people, it will be their province to cript, December 16th. indicate the time and mode of selecting suitaternity, nationality, and devotion to the Union which have prompted this incipient movement .-- Nat Int.

as soon as finished, will be sent to this country. The subject of this picture, is an incitending Virginia artists. Mr. Barbee, the sculptor, and Mr. Turner are from the same

A Paris correspondent states positively

The Paris correspondent of the London will embark at Toulon immediately for the

coast of Central America. Paris letters assert on the authority of M. Lessup's friends, that he has obtained subscriptions in France alone for the whole of the eight million pounds requisite for the cutcargo of the "Wanderer," are now on a plan- ting a Canal through the Isthmus of Suez .--

The ship owners of England are exceedsale. Sales have already been made of some sion of business, and were holding meetings also been several times mentioned in the paon the subject in various parts of the king- pers in the same connexion. Several anti-confessional meetings had

dresses to the Queen were drawn up against certain serious innovations which had been attempted to be introduced into the church of

Advices from Paris to the 2d inst state that on that day Montalembert, accompanied by Berryer and Dafaure, presented himself at the register's office in that city, for the pur-York, are co-perating with a general move- pose of lodging an appeal against the sentence which had been pronounced against him. It was considered doubtful whether the move the liability of Montalembert being

Letters from Belgium announce that a new At a Methodist festival in Warren, Mass., penal code was before the Chamber of Representatives, the object of which was to increase the punishment of those writers for the press who might be found guilty of attacks upon the law or the authority of the King. Telegraphic advices from Berlin of the 2d

inst, report that the Jews of Prossia had addressed a petition to the Prince Regent praying his Royal Highness to interpose with the Holy See by the aid of diplomacy, to obtain, if possible, the restoration of the child Mortara to his parents.

Down and Up.

In the year 1849, a young man who was rich, and engaged in a lucrative business in Cincinnati, became ensured of a beautful and amiable girl-the daughter, by the way, to many that are to arise in the future. of wealthy parents-and after a brief courtship married her. He loved her dearly; she loved him dearly. A life of happiness seemed in store for them; but evil days came, and after a brief but violent struggle with fortune, the young man became a bankrupt .--He was left without a dollar, but not without a hope. The gold mines of California were open to the adventurous and industrious. He would leave his beautiful wife and seek its glittering shores, where he would remain until his fallen fortunes were revived. He came to California, but the clouds still hung over bim. He was active, enterprising, and perevery object failed. For eight years he coninst reduced to sell newspapers upon the ty of taking observations of these, and shift | --it was treason to support it!

streets for a living. A few weeks ago he was at Folsom street tions conquered his pride, and he immediately made himself known to her. The recog. a new issue, he must be ready to embrace. It requires no one to admonish me that, in nition was followed by a beautiful exhibition band for eight years, and fearing for his unrelenting tyranny towards all persons of it serves to show how little, with my habits of her conversation with her husband by putting

"Now, dear George, we can go home and be hap; y, as we used to be." They did go home on the steamer which left last Monday.

THE OPEN POLAR SEA .- Dr. Hayes, in his adin relation to the open Polar Sea, in which that gentleman argued the existence of such a sea, in the following language:

"I beg to add a word with regard to Dr. air breathing animals, must come to the surface to breathe. They cannot live without it. Now are not found outside-that is to the South of the ice-beat of the Arctic seas. They retreat Northward during the cold season, and if the whole extent of that Arctic sea was covered not receive the approval of the great mass with ice they would necessarily perich during to, coming from thirteen States of the evidence of the presence of extensive open wa-Union, and sustained by the concurring ter in the northernmost region of the globe, than of a passage into that open water which would acting on their own responsibility, to ascer- render whale fishing possible during the winter tain whether it would not be practicable to would be one of the most important results for suggest some intermediate ground on which the improvement of whale fishing. The arguall entertaining national and conservative ment may not strike foreibly one who is not

A VETERAN FEDERALIST .- A short time since. an elderly gentleman, whose movements indicathe cars stopped, "is this Hartiora?" in the contest of 1860. It is probable that bors of the old gentleman informed him of the about Hartford, that he intended to stop at that public expression to their patriotic purposes. place. Quietly removing his hat, he said, "he was an old-fashioned Federalist, and wished to ing was held exclusively for the objects above remain with his head uncovered while passing stated, and with no view whatever to advance | through Hartford, out of respect to the noble the pretensions of any individual to the Pres- men and the glorious political principles connected with the memorable Convention held in that place, December 15, 1814."-Boston Trans-

It is gratifying thus to hear of success at- left any connections. By the order of the fort, no one can doubt that it would have Collector the effects of Lieut. Strain have been conducted to a successful result, and been withdrawn from the public sale of un- the Southern States would, at this day, have

In answer to a letter from a number of the sed from the Northern members, showed plainthat the Czar of Russia, with a full military voters of this city, requesting him to allow ly that it would result in a disruption of ex-The specie shipment from New York on household, will visit Napoleon in the spring, his name to be brought before this District, as a candidate for Congress, Mr. Robert E. terest in the question of slavery in the terri-There have been large investments in green Scott has written the following letter, which tories, for a considerable tract of country beforward, manly, and independent letter, ed. By the Persia on Wednesday, a favorite News says:-"It is true that a battalian of characteristic of the man, and while some of boat with gold shippers, there is expected to infantry and three batteries of artillery, with the views expressed may not meet with the sure, that, so far as our present limits are be none the less appreciated.

> Oakwood, Dec. 13th, 1858 -- Messrs. A. ceived your communication of the 10th instant, on yesterday, and return my acknow-

> of this Congressional District would necessarily require, and, without an active canand their cause. But, in truth, I have no such desire. When this county, composed part of a Whig District, and we had a Whig party in active life, I several times declined nominations by conventions of my political associates, when a nomination was equivawant.

ical servants, and my views of the political islative rule of the territories. exigencies of the country, I would, in any | The Kansas and Nebraska act as effectusatisfactory manner, represent this Congres. ally shuts out slavery from the territories, as have honored with their confidence, and I "Squatter Sovereignty." do not think that we are likely to concur as

to the duties pertaining to the station, would tend very greatly to make a seat in the Nato be distributed among followers as rewards It is probable I should have been in opposi-

nate with the opposition.

it is well known that during the winter they have regarded the agitation of the question Government was instituted. Agriculture, ted he was not an experienced traveller, was in Existing in the States where it is telerated in every section. Under its rule, the misthe day train between Boston and New York. by State-authority, slavery is under the cog-chicyons strile that has for so many years After passing Springfield, and crossing the Con- nizance of State legislation, and is in to ng tated the country, would forever cease .nectical River, he made the enquiry, whenever | way dependent for existence upon Federal- In the presence of a common willingness to At length authority. There is nothing in the Federal promote the peculiar interests of every part, that pleasant city was reached, and the neigh- Constitution that gives power to Congress to all motive for sectional jealousy would disno power over it in the States, there is as sure, labor for its success.

little danger of its overthrow from that 1 owe you, gentlemen, an apology for inquarter. So much for slavery in the States, truding this long letter upon you. Your in- disregard for the feelings and comfort of the parties. little cause for strife. The repeal of the proprintery answered in fewer words; and, in ed by the people, it will be their province to indicate the time and mode of selecting suitable men to represent the sentiments of fact, when I sat down to write my answer, I them—who never approved of the Hartford Contours the Height of extending it to any such the sentiments of them—who never approved of the Hartford Contours the Height of extending it to any such the sentiments of them—who never approved of the Hartford Contours the Height of extending it to any such the sentiments of the sentiments of them—who never approved of the Hartford Contours the Height of extending it to any such the sentiments of the sen vention, and would not have been like this old gentleman,—if there is any truth in the story | States had in that question. Before its incompanies the poal, the parallel of 36° 30° furnished the has been made to embrace. I beg to asline of seraration between the free and the sure you, that in declining to accede to your Lieur. Strain's Posthumous Papers .- slave territory; for, although it was not so request, I am actuated by no disrespect to Mea. Ivory Tablets, Graces, Battledores, &c., is of Rappahannock county, a young painter On the death of Lieut. Strain, his scientific expressly provided in the act, yet, in efof Happanaphock county, a young painter of the Happanaphock county, a young painter of very great promise, has been residing for instruments, his journals, and all his perco-feet all the territory South of that has written. I concur with you in the the past eighteen montas in pussenders, pur they were placed among unclaimed goods, the slaveholding States as all North of it resented than by either of the gontlemen of the great Leutze. Mr. lurner has been for sale. A letter was addressed to the Na- flad the South staked itself upon the exten me pleasure to unite with you in support of engaged for about a year upon a picture of the women are Cooks and House Servants —
which is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, by Department soliciting information in rewhich is now nearly completed, and which, which is now nearly completed. gard to the family or relatives of Lieut. more equal, to the Pacific ocean, we should for the place. Strain, in order that they might be apprised have bad an issue worthy of its best exertion. try. The subject of this picture, is an incispoken of by those who have seen it, as a and take possession of them. An answer siderations of sound policy and obvious juswork of very great merit, very highly oredi- has been returned, to the effect that the time; and had the issue been made and sunwork of very great ment, very nightly breat table to the young artist who has executed it. department is not aware, that Lieut. Strain ported by a firm, united, and determined estable to the young artist who has executed it.

Letter from Robert E. Scott, esq. Congress, but the opposition to it, encounteristing parties, and our Southern politicians abandoned it. Still there remained some interest ceased, and it resulted from that meabe a fair amount shipped, as mint bars for horses and equipments, complete for service, warded without insurance will now about 1 more in which it now exists. So far, therefore, as | ed performers on the piane, guitar, and other the Southern States were interested in the P. Warfield and others: Gentlemen: -- I re- extension of slavery, and the addition of other slave-holding States to the confederacy, that interest was sacrificed.

The plea that the repeal of the Missouri gentlemen, who participated in the repeal; Waltz," by Mrs. E. and Miss Nena B. while every one saw that it opened all of the of Representatives, engagements, private and territory south of the line to the occupancy tar by Prof. Prosinger and Miss Nena B of settlers from the Free-States. It furnishes Polka by Miss Nannie M.; song, "Snells of vote to a canvass the time which the extent no valid objection to this view, that the freesoil party opposed the repeal. It was intro- and musical voice made an indellible impresduced by its authors for party ends; and the | sion on all present. Miss Nena B. was folvass, I should do injustice both to my friends free-soilers and abolitionists, discerning in it lowed by several others, all of whom sustainopportunity for agitation, seized upon it, and, ed themselves admirably. The Rev. D. B.

among the masses in the Free-States. they would consent to restore the line. In acter, who has been instrumental in accomthis way, we may ascertain, to whose benefit | plishing as much good as any man of his again lent to an election. I preferred a service in the repeal enered. Inquire of Messrs. Sew- in the State, is the principal of the "Gordonsthe State Legislature, when opportunities for usefulness there presented themselves. In they will laugh at the innocent who would partment is managed by his mother-in-law common with my fellow-citizens of this part propound the question. While it did not efof the State, I felt very strongly the want of feet an equal division of the then existing estimable lady. With Mr. Ewing as princia system of roads adequate to the transport territory, the line of compromise yet effected pal and his efficient assistants, I do not hesitation of the products of our soil to market, a partition between the opposing interests, and I devoted my labors to supply that and was a concession of the principle. It ville Female Academy" enjoy as many ad-When that was accomplished, I vol- stood recorded for a precedent, and, as such, vantages as those of any other school in the untarily retired from the Legislature, and was open to be appealed to, as furnishing the State. have never since felt a desire for political rule of disposition in future cases. But the precedent was abandoned, the principle sur-But, apart from these considerations, I do rendered, and with them, as I have said, pernot think that, with my opinion of our polit- ished all of our sectional interest in the log-

sional District. Certainly, in respect to past any positive prohibition of law. It displaced though their motives were, doubtless, laudaissues, I have differed very widely from the the nuthority of Congress, in which slave- ble, still the question as to their power to do gentleman whom the voters of the District holders are represented, and inaugurated so, is an important one, both to the tax-pay-

To what useful end, afterwards, was the contest about Kansas! What did it matter, The field is already occupied by two gen- whether the Topeka or the Lecompton contlemen of the same political party, whose vention ushered into existence a Constituopinions as to our Federal politics are sup- tion for the "Squatters," or whether General be considered. In the case of Marks vs. posed to harmonize with those of the ma- Lane or Mr. Caincan efficiated at its birth?-- Jones, in the Superior Court of New Hampority of the voters, and if, in this condition And yet those of us at the South who repro- shire, it was decided that "a town cannot, by of strift in the party, I could be successful bated the act, and raised our voices in opposiin running in between the two, I could not | tion to it, were denounced by its authors as regard the success as desirable. To be the untrue to Southern rights, and everywhere pice of the District, to have the confidence politicians and presses gave currency to the that the point will be inquired into in the of the voters, and to be elected so as to et- charge. The time was when the Missouri proper quarter. This case seems to have joy a proper representative independence as Compromise was held in better estimation.

Not many years sit ce, our Legislature declared that the repeal of this same comprotional Legislature honorable and worthy of mise by Congress would furnish to the State a severing; yet while others around him were ambition. But in the present state of our casus belli against the Federal Union; for it gathering the golden harvest in abundance, his polities, this seems impossible--partyiem was solemnly resolved that its repeal should usurps the place of patriotism; idolatry to be resisted at every "hazard and to the last | tant one to all concerned, and deserves seri have been shipped from East Haddam, Con- tinued thus. He became sick, weary and party dogmas takes precedence of statesman- extremity." Then it was treason to the ship; and the representative who would keep | South to assail the compromise; but, in the him to write home for assistance. He was at his place is under the ever pressing necessity day of the "Kansas-Nebraska Act"--presto!

ing his course according to the quarter in | For mysell I think there is such a thing as which they appear. He must subscribe im- principle, even in polities, and that there is to sell on credit, without security, one-half of the probable success of the opposition in 1860 | wharf, upon the arrival of the mail steamer, pleitly to platforms constructed for election virtue in consistency to it. Had I, thereemergencies, and ingeniously fashioned to fore, been in Congress at the time, I should meet the conflicting exigencies of different have opposed the repeal of the Missouri Comwhom he thought be knew. He followed her localities. To be popular with the dominant promise, resisted totis viribus the inaugurato a hotel, got a fair view, and recognized her party, he must too often become the Presi-

> safety, she resolved to visit this State and opposite political opinions; he must telerate thought, I am fitted, in times like these, for make enquiries for herself. The lady closed forced contributions for election purposes the position of a representative. If I were from the official defendants in all of the ex- in search of further reasons to support a discentive departments; he must surrender inclination for political life, I should find a himself to his party, and give up for its ad- very sufficient one in the present condition of | Whigs, and opposition, to present a ticket in vancement what is due to the country. Nor parties. The Whig party, of which I was opposition to that nominated at Petersburg, must convictions of duty or sentiments of one, is extinct; and to that, when in existence, by the Democrats. Should such recommen-This story is strictly true. -- California Spirit | consistency be allowed to stand as impedi- 1 had many objections. With neither of dation or nomination be made in Richmond. ments in the way; the belies s of party rise | those that now divide public opinion could I | on the 6th of January, as has been suggested superior to these, and blind obedience is ex- act. My position would be that of an armed by the Richmond Whig. I know of no tickacted to its inexerable decrees.
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> Under these hard conditions of service, a the syrangy of party is complete. Regard-than that suggested by the Lynchburg Virdress before the Geographical Society, on Thursday evening, read a latter from Prof. Agassiz, seat in Congress would possess no attractions ing the parties of the present day as mainly for me; and if my ambition laid in that di- absorbed in contests for the spoils of office, ders, and Andrew Hunter-with such names rection, I would not subscribe to them to and believing that the country has neither win the favor of the d minant majority .-- much to here nor fear from the success of Nor do I know that I would be more forta- either, I am contented to remain a spectator For many years past, the engressing topics on narry weather of a Federal politics, I hold of political discussion have related to the not ratrictic, whose principles are not Na institution of slavery, and on some of these | thursh, and whose measures are not founded there has seemed to exist a common senti- in justice. I hold that all the great interment with all parties in the slaveholding eats of the country are entitled to Federal States. But I have not, in all cases, united protection, and that to promote these was in this sentiment. For the most part, I among the leading purposes for which the of slavery as unnecessary and misshievous, commerce and manufactures comprise the and have strongly reprobated the action of leading pursuits of our people; and, within parties upon it. Involving considerations the just limits of constitutional authority, I appealing directly to deep-rooted public pro- hold it to be the duty of the Government, and udices, it has been soized upon by puliticians of each department of it, by every means, to the country made a foot-ball for party. See- legislation or by treaties with Foreign pow- derly lady, the writer took passage in one of tional animosities have been excited in the ers. The claves of the South constitute a Kemp's Coaches for Alexandria via "River Stacontest, and feelings engendered bostile to leading interest in fourteen States, and are tion. the Union. In the South, the Federal at- inseparably connected with their agriculture; made at the ticket office, that a decent respectively. thority has been represented as a power and I hold it to be within the conditions of at least, would be had for the comfort and sen dangerous to the safety of the institution, a patriotic, national and just constitution of sibilities of the ladies if not for the gentlemenand in certain contingencies likely to be ex- party, to extend to this interset, within the But in this he was egregiously deceived, for to erted for its overthrow; while in other States | limits prescribed, whatever of protection its | the great annoyance and discomfort of all, the slavery is represented as an aggressive prin- exigences may require. Constituted upon coach after getting sufficiently en route to in ciple, and the masses are warned against its | such principles, a party would well be entiencroachments. For neither of these appre- that to the appellation of National, and would up at a certain house, and was there literally hensions is there the slightest foundation. | commend itself to the support of the patriotic interfere with it in the States. Naw, as no appear, and these would become brothere in State professes any extra-territorial jurisdic | fact whom a common government has made tion, it is certain that, however aggressive brothers in law. I do not yet despair of the ger of the 18th inst, is not to contest any preits principle may be, there is no danger of use of such a party; and, in the hope of its sumed right which the proprietor of the Slage the extension of slavery by there force of advent in our day, I hold myself ready to line may claim, to crowd his coaches with State authority; and, as Congress possesses unite with it, and, according to my poor mea- whatever class of passengers he may place

As to slavery in the Territories, there is as quiry might, perhaps, have been more ap-

Your obedient servant,

R. E. SCOTT.

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COMMUNICATED. "The man that hath not music in himself

Nor is not moved with concord of sweet some Is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils. We attended, on last Friday evening, a con teas for America, at extraordinary prices, by will be read with interest. It is a straight low the line of compromise remained to be cert given by Prof. Prosinger, one of the erected, at some future time, into States .- | teachers of the "G. F. Academy." Prof. But, with the destruction of that line, all in- Prosinger spent several years in Europe studying music and the languages, and is re-

and highly educated gentleman. He was assisted by several of the voune ladies belonging to the School, all of whom tation in South Carolina, on the Savannah The assertion, however, is not generally created it. Miss tel it. Similar propositions have been made sas and Nebraska to slavery was a sham .- Mary T. commenced the performances by No one really thought that slavery could be successfully introduced there. This has been lately confessed by distinguished Southern

In any 1. commenced the performances by playing on the piano "My Old Kentucky Home;" "Evening Star Waltz" by the Misses F.; "Polka," by Miss Kate L.; "Spanish

musical instruments, but also an intelligent

"Bloomsberry Polka" on Zeither and eniby false clamor, made capital for their party | Ewing, who is widely and favorably known as an excellent preacher, a gentleman of fin-But, to test the truth, inquire whether ished education, and great energy of charac-Mrs. Mary E. Barbour, an intelligent and tate to say that the scholars of the "Gordons-"PATRONUS."

> [COMMUNICATED. Our City Council has, in several instances,

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granted lands belonging to the City with the privilege of exemption from City taxes. Alers and the grantees in such cases. Having come across a decision bearing upon the question, I think it but right to make it known, in order that its appreciability should grant or stipulation in a conveyance, example land from taxation." I forbear to give the facts of the case referred to, in the hone been decided upon principles of general application, in the exercise of the taxing power, as

Court, viz: 10 N. H. Rep. 138; 5 Mass. Rep. 547: and 13 Mass. 272. As I have said, the question is an impor-A TAX PAYER.

well as the cases cited in the opinion of the

[COMMUNICATED. A Problem.

Suppose a turnpike company can afford their road 5 miles long and 100 feet wide, for \$5,000, to a Railroad Company having er company, that is believed to be paying its it; he must be content to treat the bonors such course, I would have gone counter to debts. Perhaps a stockholder in the Alexof unabated and unfaltering love. The lady's and emoluments of office as spoils of victory the opinions of the majority in this District. andria and Washington Turnpike Company can give us the solution. If so, the equivalent will doubtless be paid.

[COMMUNICATED. I was glad to see in the Gazette of to-day, the determination upon the part of the

gipian--Wm. Ballard Prestos, Robert Saunas these, the opposition would go into the fight confident of success. CLARKE.

Clarke county, Va., Dec. 15th.

To whom if may concern. - It the impositions which are so frequently practiced upon travellers, by those whose business it should be to provide for their comfort, were more gene rally exposed and condemned, they would be of less frequent occurrence; and hence the writer of this regards it as a duty to the public, that he should expose a most flagrant outrage which was perpetrated upon himself, and several other passengers by Kemp's line of Stages, run g between Winchester and River Station, on

e Manassas Gap Railroad. On Saturday morning, the 18th inst., in com-pany with a lady, who was travelling under his escort; and a gentleman and his mother, an el-Supposing from the representations sure those who had already taken seats, handed crammed with negroes, even to the exclusion of an invalid gentleman, who preferred the exposure of a seat with the driver, rather than endure the disgusting oder of the necroes, and their continuous and unrefined jargon, to which the ladies had necessarily to submit for upwards of four hours, and which was any thing

but agreeable to "ears polite" The object of this statement, the truth of which will be avouched by every white passen

trons. [dec 21-1t] mon Boards, Dominoes, Dice, Chess and Checket

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No. 82, King-stre N EGROES FOR HIRE -FIVE WOMEN and GIRLS, and TWO BOYS. Among women are Cooks and House Servants day and Tuesday, the 27th and 28th of Decem-Apologising, again, for the liberty of this ber, at Mount Vernon, where the negroes rath

be seen and examined.

JOHN A. WASHINGTON.

Mount Vernon, dec 21—d1w

JUST RECEIVED a very fine article of Ja maica Spirits, Port Wine, Madeira Wine French Brandies, Holland Gin, New England Rum, Old Bourbon Whiskey, &c. to which I wish to call the attention of those in want of a good article, for family use.